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STATE NORMAL
BODY TO VISIT
PROPOSED SITES

Will Start at Owensboro July 17, and Come to Eastern Kentucky Last.

The commission for the location of the State Normal Schools met in Louisville last Friday. The session was held in secret, but it was announced that the only thing done was a decision to visit the sites offered in eastern and western Kentucky. Owensboro is to be the first place visited and the date is July 17th. The exact itinerary will be announced about July 16th.

It is said the visit to each town will be brief. If so, we may expect them at Louisville before the first of August.

The cities visited will be expected to pay the expenses, as no appropriation was made by the Legislature. The bill carrying this expense provision was lost in the Senate.

Louisville is in excellent position for the school and will be ready to show the commission everything required and desired for such an institution.

Indorsements from a number of eastern Kentucky counties were filed at Louisville with the commission. These did not include any names from Johnson county. We mention this fact because of a statement made by the Paintsville Herald. A few names from Van Lear were brought in to the Louisville committee, but were not used because of the desire here to not come into conflict with any other Big Sandy town. There is no such spirit in Louisville.

Lawrence County Auto
Club Organized Here

On last Saturday an automobile club was organized for Lawrence county for the purpose of helping to maintain roads and to promote the welfare of auto owners.

Saturday of this week another meeting will be held at one o'clock to adopt by-laws and receive charter members. There are 267 automobiles in Lawrence county. Annual dues of \$5 per year will be charged.

The following officers were elected: John G. Burns, president, Dr. H. H. Sparks vice president, Isaac Caldwell secretary, Henry W. Bussey treasurer.

Executive committee, Dr. L. S. Hays chairman, Eugene Holbrook, A. H. Snyder, L. F. Wellman, V. B. Shortridge, Wm. Ekers, Charles Osborn, George Sweetman, J. D. Ball, Dr. D. J. Thompson, A. J. Austin, Lacey Williamson.

Knott County Boys
Speak in Ashland

Three young representatives of the Caney Creek Settlement school Monday addressed the regular weekly session of the Rotary Club, telling of the work and the activities in this community school in the mountains of Knott county.

The boys, Corbett Franklin, 15, Russell Tall, 10 and Dan Martin, 15, all made a most marked impression on the members of the club in their manner of their address, their ability to speak and their clean, expressive countenances.

Briefly they told of the activities at the mountain school which was founded by Mrs. A. M. Lloyd of Boston. The school work is carried on among the mountain people who have had no opportunity to gain an education, and the boy representatives of the school today told of the activities and the work that was being done in the school for the advancement of the mountain people.

The boys have been on a tour extending over several states and from everywhere they have been heralded as real orators.—Ashland Independent.

Two Years Sentence
for Deserting Family

Era Hinkle was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years for deserting his family. The sentence was suspended under an agreement by which he is to support the family. He is in jail awaiting aid of relatives in giving bond to carry out the agreement.

This is the only felony case tried in the Lawrence Circuit Court since our report last week. The term ended on Wednesday of this week.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE WOODS

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Miller entertained on Monday evening at six o'clock dinner Judge H. L. Woods and wife and daughter of Olive Hill and Mr. Freddie F. Cain of Asheville, N. C.

All the members of the Louisville bar and their wives were invited to spend the evening with them and those fortunate enough to be able to accept were the following: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cain, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Garred, A. O. Carter, F. M. Vinson, J. M. Cain and Col. Jay H. Northup. Miss Roberta Dixon and Miss Kizzie Burns were also among the guests. Later in the evening the entire party was entertained at the picture show as guests of Mr. W. T. Cain, Jr.

The county tax commissioners of Kentucky met on Tuesday for their annual conference in Frankfort.

Mayo Trail Surface
in Boyd Assured

Final action on the part of the State Highway Department with regard to the re-surfacing of the Mayo trail from Catlettsburg to the mouth of Laurel creek was taken when Joe S. Boggs, chief engineer of the state highway department, appeared before the court at its regular session in Catlettsburg, Thursday and agreed to the terms of the court order providing \$84,500 for the completion of the road by surfacing.

Two changes in the order which was prepared by Senator George B. Martin and submitted at the last session were made before it was finally accepted by Mr. Boggs. The changes made read as follows: That said sum of \$84,500 be available and payable to said state highway commission in amounts equal to and as due the contractor, until said sum of \$84,500 is exhausted. Also, that conditions, that let by the state highway commission, be let upon or before the 15th of August, 1922, and that contract provide for the completion of the road before September 1, 1923.

The order formerly read August 1, instead of August 15, and before November 1, instead of September 1. Another important clause in the order as it now stands is, that \$12,000 appropriated for the construction of the Ashland-Russell road be withdrawn and devoted to the Laurel road project and that orders of the court appropriating \$62,999 for purposes be ratified and re-adopted.

The court voted unanimously favoring the latter plan, and with the revision of the order of June 7, made the completion of the Mayo trail to the mouth of Laurel a certainty.

STATE AWARDS
ROAD CONTRACTS

Frankfort, Ky., June 19.—Contracts for construction of 49.1 miles of highway and twenty-three bridges in the State primary highway system will be let by the State Highway Commission here Wednesday. Most of the eight projects involved in the road letting are for grading and drainage, the surfacing to be let later.

The letting of bridges will include a 442-foot bridge over the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy river at Pikeville. This bridge is estimated to cost \$100,000 the county paying \$50,000 and the State paying the same sum, the latter money, however, being in the form of cancellation of a debt owed by the county for convict labor.

The projects to be let include: Morehead-Grayson road, Rowan county, from Morehead to Carter county line, 5.8 miles, grade and drain. Bridges to be let include: Grayson-Olive road, Carter county, 100-foot span over Barrett creek and two 170-foot spans over Tigart's creek. Pikeville, Pike county, one 162-foot channel span with two 130-foot approach spans.

C. & O. ROAD TO SPEND

\$9,561,000 FOR CARS

An equipment trust worth \$9,561,000 and covering 5,638 new cars to be delivered to the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company was filed with the Secretary of State. The Commercial Trust Company of Philadelphia is trustee and the agreement is dated April 15. Payments are to be extended over a period of fifteen years, \$599,000 being payable with five per cent interest on June 1 of each year.

ROAD ELECTION VALID
IN PIKE COUNTY

The election under which Pike county voted on June 28, 1919, to give the fiscal court power to issue five per cent bonds for building of roads was held legal by Chief Justice Rollin Hurt of the Court of Appeals, when he refused the plea of J. S. Cline for an injunction to prevent issuance of \$300,000 worth of bonds. The only limitation put on the court by the election was the constitutional limit of such indebtedness in the county.

COLVIN SENDS OUT DETAILS
OF LEGION ESSAY CONTEST

Frankfort, Ky., June 14.—Infirmary concerning the scholarship prizes offered by the American Legion for the best essay on "How the American Legion Can Best Serve the Nation" is being sent by State Superintendent Colvin to county superintendents.

CAMPING PARTY.

Misses Opal Plybon, Martha Yates, Alva Snyder and Emily Conley and Messrs. L. B. Atkins and J. E. Ferguson composed a party that went to the Ayres camp on Keaton to spend a few days. They left early Monday morning and were chaperoned by Mrs. R. L. Vinson.

MOVE TO OLIVE HILL.

Z. T. Walters and family who for some time have occupied the Denton home near Olive Hill moved this week to Ashland. Mr. Walters, who is a road contractor, has a section of the road to Louisa under construction, desires to be closer to his work, hence the removal.—Grayson Journal.

ED ALLEN MAY SUCCEED
JIM SCOTT ON TAX BOARD

Edward L. Allen of Prestonsburg is tipped to succeed James A. Scott on the State Tax Commission. He is now Deputy Clerk of the Court of Appeals. He is a lawyer and has been a member of the Legislature.

HIGHER COURT
REVERSES CASE
OF BIG DAMAGES

\$25,000 Verdict in Lawrence County Suit Set Aside by Appellate Court.

The Court of Appeals has reversed the case of John Chapman's administrator against the C. & O. Railway in which a Lawrence county jury awarded a verdict of \$25,000.

One of the reasons given by the court was that the amount is excessive. The C. & O. had offered to pay \$6,500.

John Chapman was one of four men killed at Buchanan about two years ago when a handcar and locomotive collided. The men on the handcar were employed as section men and were on their way to work. Being more than the platform of the car would hold they had laid on planks extending over the front and rear. The train was encountered on a sharp curve, and when the men on the rear of the car jumped off, those sitting on the front of the extended platform were dropped to the track and killed.

The widow and children are living in Louisa.

Pikeville Minister Cuts
Liquor Still to Pieces

Pikeville, Ky., June 18.—The unusual spectacle of a minister destroying a still took place on the public square here when the Rev. A. D. Cline, Holiness preacher and Deputy Circuit Court Clerk, cut to pieces a still which had been found in possession of Paris Layne at Kimpier, Ky. Layne was arrested and placed in jail yesterday. He executed bond pending examining trial.

New Christian Church
Opens Next Sunday

Services are to be held next Sunday for the first time in the handsome new edifice erected by the congregation of the Christian church on Madison street in Louisa. Special music is being prepared for the occasion. The pastor, Rev. Matherly, and a former pastor, Rev. J. H. Stambaugh will have charge of the services. A large attendance is expected.

The dedication will take place later, the date of which will be announced as soon as determined.

School Per Capita
\$6.10 in Kentucky

Every school district in Kentucky will receive \$6.10 for each child of school age within its borders, during the next year. State Superintendent of Public Instruction announced. This is the same per capita distribution of state funds as was made last year. The school fund last year contained \$4,549,558.75 and will be slightly less next year.

AUTO KILLS SCHOOL MAN.

Point Pleasant, June 14.—T. W. Carr, superintendent of the public schools of Meigs county, Ohio, went over an embankment Saturday night in his Ford machine, which resulted in his death. It is said that he lost control of the machine.

He was 73 years of age and leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters. He had been a public school teacher for probably 40 years or more, having taught at different points in Meigs county and for a while was principal of the high school at Gallipolis. At the time of his death he was county superintendent.

HARMON-ISAAC.

Mr. Dewey Isaac and Miss Doshia Harmon came down from Floyd county and were married last Friday at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. H. B. Hewlett on Lock avenue. The bride is the daughter of Rev. Van D. Harmon, who has been located in Floyd county the past few years. He has a farm at Cadmus and formerly lived there. The couple drove out to the old home for a little visit before returning to Wheelwright to reside.

Miss Harmon has been employed in the Wheelwright Bank and Mr. Isaac is a store manager at that place.

B. R. CISCO MARRIES.

Mrs. Goldie Smith Hatch, widow of Mr. Charles Hatch, was married Wednesday in Ashland, Ky., at the Christian church to Mr. B. R. Cisco of that city. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Huntington. The groom is a young attorney and is associated in business with his father, Judge Cisco of Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. Cisco are now at home in their new and handsomely furnished residence in Ashland.

NO MORE COPIES WANTED.

Aaron Miles of Coalton has sent the two copies of the Big Sandy News of June 4 and 11, 1920 which we recently announced that we needed. We are now supplied with these copies and are very grateful to the parties who sent them in. Do not want any more.

DEDICATES CHURCH.

Rev. H. B. Hewlett and wife went to Smoky Valley last Sunday where he dedicated the new church which was recently completed at that place. The service was held in the morning at 11 o'clock, and was attended by a very large audience.

Substitute Questions
Used at Sandy Hook

Frankfort, Ky., June 17.—It became known today that substitute questions were used in the teachers' examinations in Elliott county Friday and today at the request of County Superintendent W. S. Brown. The request resulted from a report made by Warren Peyton, school inspector, who took the questions to Sandy Hook.

George Colvin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, said he will ask for a postoffice investigation regarding a broken package of questions said to have been received at Sandy Hook.

The original questions were sent to Sandy Hook by registered mail, addressed to Mr. Brown, who lives six miles from there. Mr. Brown told Inspector Peyton that he had authorized no one to receipt for the package of questions, but that they were delivered at his home Thursday by Alvin Hutchison.

Mr. Hutchison said he delivered them as an accommodation to Estill Sparks, postmaster. The package was broken, Mr. Brown said, and he refused to accept it until Mr. Hutchison signed a statement, in the presence of witnesses, stating that the package was in that condition when he received it. Mr. Brown then telephoned to Mr. Colvin to send an inspector.

Mr. Peyton said tonight that twenty-five persons were present to take the examination when he laid the questions on the table, but that only seventeen entered the examination and seven of them withdrew this morning. Four teachers living within three miles of Olive Hill, where a similar examination was being held, drove over the mountains from Carter county to take the examination at Sandy Hook, and two of them also withdrew.

George Colvin said last night that all registry receipts for teachers' examination questions would be examined to see what day the packages were taken from the postoffice and who signed for them. He said this was merely to safeguard his office, as there were only four counties where irregular proceedings were suspected.

The laxity of Estill Sparks, postmaster at Sandy Hook, Elliott county, and the obtaining of the registered mail package of examination questions without the postmaster's knowledge and without the proper signatures will be reported.

"Under Blue Skies"
at Garden Theatre

The play "Under Blue Skies" was given at Garden Theatre in Louisa on last Thursday evening under the auspices of Betsy Ross Lodge of Rebekahs. A large crowd attended and very much enjoyed the entertainment. There were twenty-five people in the cast from Catlettsburg and Ashland. Special numbers between acts consisted of orchestra music, songs and dances and violin solos.

The play was given under the direction of Mrs. Josie Rodgers.

4,000 STATE TEACHERS TO
GO TO SUMMER SCHOOLS

Frankfort, Ky., June 14.—Approximately 4,000 teachers of elementary schools will attend the summer training schools, opened in about half the counties for six weeks, in the opinion of Prof. C. D. Lewis, of the Department of Education, who is in charge of that work.

The normal schools, University and other colleges, he believes, will give the summer course to 2,000. Reports from two remote counties he considers significant. One is Clinton, forty-five miles from a railroad, with only fifty-two teachers employed in the county and fifty-six enrolled in the summer school, which has opened. The other is Wolfe. It has but fifty seven teachers, yet eighty are attending the summer school.

THOMPSON-WURTS.

The following account of the marriage of Miss Emma Thompson will be of interest to many of our readers. She was a teacher in Lawrence county before going to Ashland:

The many friends of the couple have just learned of the marriage of C. F. Wurts to Miss Emma Thompson which took place last week at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. W. C. Pierce in Catlettsburg.

Mrs. Wurts is a native of Webbville but has made her home in Ashland for several years. She has been a teacher in the Ashland public schools. Mr. Wurts is a well known business man here.

After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Wurts will be at home at Thirty-first and Central avenue.—Ashland Independent.

CARTER-JONES.

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Miss Ina Frankie Carter and Mr. Custer Jones of Cannel City. The bride is a daughter of Mr. A. C. Carter and is quite an accomplished young lady.

Mr. Jones has been cashier of the Morgan county bank at Cannel City fifteen years or more.

BACK FROM HAWAII.

Willis Wells, who has been in the army for some time and has been stationed at Schofield Barracks Honolulu, H. T., is returning home, having already reached the States. He is a son of Henderson Wells, who lives near Louisa.

IN SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST.

In the first week of the Ashland Independent's subscription contest Niel Pummer of Louisa stood third, the two boys receiving a few more votes than his number, 37,500, both being Ashland boys.

LIGHTNING KILLS
A YOUNG LADY

Miss May Diamond the Victim of Saturday's Electrical Storm.

One of the most shocking tragedies that has occurred in this vicinity for many years was the death of Miss May Diamond at the home of her parents two miles from Louisa. She was killed by lightning on last Saturday afternoon.

Miss May was the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milt Diamond, a good citizen living on Two Mile creek. She was working in a flower bed in the yard when the storm arose and kept at it until the lightning became very severe. Going to the house she was just about to step upon the porch when there was a very keen flash of lightning and she fell into the yard. Her mother was on the porch and thought she had slipped and fallen, but when she failed to get up Mrs. Diamond and another daughter went to her and found that death had taken her place. There was a burned place on the back of her neck, but this was all the mark left by the deadly bolt.

The funeral was held Sunday, preached by Rev. H. B. Hewlett. The body was laid to rest in the family burial ground near the home.

Miss Diamond is described to us as an exceptionally fine girl. She was active in church work and also in community affairs. On July 13th she would have been 19 years old. At the recent examination for teachers she was one of the successful applicants. She attended school in Louisa during the past year. She was a bright and studious girl, ambitious to be of real service in the world. This fact makes the community feel the loss all the more keenly.

The funeral was attended by one of the largest crowds ever gathered in that community, being impelled by the deep sense of loss and of sympathy called forth by the sad catastrophe.

Judge J. D. Kirk
Dies Suddenly at Inez

The death of Judge J. D. Kirk occurred very unexpectedly on Monday of this week at his home at Inez. He had been busy at work in his garden in the morning and ate a hearty meal about noon. Within half an hour afterwards he died. An attack of acute indigestion is said to have caused his death. He was 67 years of age and had been prominent in the affairs of Martin county practically all his life. He was clerk of the county for thirty-six successive years and was elected county judge for two terms.

He was a relative of E. W. Kirk of this place.

Disabled Veterans
Session in Ashland

Ashland, Ky., June 15.—At the Kentucky Disabled Ex-service Men's Board meeting here yesterday representatives from the following counties were present: Boyd-Russell counties, C. Orndorff; Pike county, H. E. Tate and M. W. Robinson; Floyd county, F. C. Hall; Johnson county, Earl Stafford; Martin county, P. H. Allen; Magoffin county, Edgar Bailey; Morgan county, Lynn B. Wells; Lawrence county, Fred M. Vinson; Elliott county, E. E. Sparks; Rowan county, A. W. McCarty; Greenup county, O. E. Bushe, and Lewis county, W. A. Volers.

Several were here for the Kentucky Disabled Ex-service Men's Board.

CORDLE-MOORE.

A wedding of interest to Lawrence county friends was that of Miss Monnie Cordle and Mr. Willie Moore. They were married May 18 at the court house at Columbus O. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the bride's sister, Miss Mollie Cordle and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cordle. The bride wore a gown of brown satin and georgette with contrasting shade in hat and other accessories. She wore a corsage of sweetheart roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Cordle is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cordle. She is quite popular among her many friends and was at that time employed in London, Ohio.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore. He is a prominent young man and holds a position in Columbus, O. He is well known and popular. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore are of families prominent in Eastern Kentucky.

After the wedding ceremony they left for a short honeymoon after which they will return to Columbus where the groom is employed at present.

WAYNE COUNTY WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. Grace Esthouse, wife of Leonard S. Esthouse, of Wayne county, died at her home late Saturday night after a prolonged illness. She is survived by her husband, three children by a previous marriage, Nolan, Ora and Lena, and one daughter by her second husband, Louise Esthouse. Services were held Monday at her home near Kenova at two p. m.

TWO AVIATORS BURN
TO DEATH IN FALL

Louisville, June 17.—A lieutenant from the army air service and a sergeant from the photographic section were burned to death when their airplane fell near a crowd of spectators at a benefit air circus exhibition here this afternoon.

\$100,000 Blaze in
Pikeville Destroys
Several Buildings

Pikeville, Ky., June 19.—One hundred thousand dollars was the loss estimated today as a result of the fire that destroyed several buildings at the corner of Front and Division streets here early Sunday morning.

The flames swept over the frame structures until they reached the Hames building which is of brick fire-proof construction. The blaze started in the rear of Coy Collins' store near the junction of the two streets and rapidly spread to adjoining buildings wiping out Sam Saad's fancy grocery and ice cream parlor, Thornbury's News Stand, the Big Sandy Hotel, Thornbury's Grocery and Soda Fountain, the Singer Sewing Machine Company's office and Rutroff's Jewelry store.

Heroic work of the fire department held the fire within the block while its progress up Division street was checked by the Hames building after it had burned for an hour and a half. It started at 2 a. m.

The losses are only partly covered by insurance, it was said.

The fifty guests at the Big Sandy Hotel were warned in time to flee before they were injured and no one was hurt. The fire is considered the most disastrous in the history of Pikeville.

Chinnville Track
Is Still Unsold

No deal for a race track site in Chinnville has yet been purchased. The deal has been in the making for a number of days but the actual closing and signing papers has not been done, says the Independent of Sunday.

J. O. Keene, Tom Cromwell and Phil Chinn, all of Lexington, have been interested for several weeks in locating a race track of one and one-half miles and a grandstand, somewhere near Ashland. Exorbitant prices prevented them from locating in or near Ashland and they secured options on a favorable site near Chinnville, seven miles below Ashland.

This site however had not been purchased at a late hour last night although it is believed that the deal will go through next week.

SOUTHERN METHODISTS LOSE
GAME TO BAPTISTS—6 TO 3

On last Saturday afternoon the Baptists and Southern Methodists baseball team crossed bats on the Point. The score was 6 to 3 in favor of the Baptist team. "Red" Wilson in the box proved too much for the Methodists. He struck out 16 and allowed seven hits. His opponent, "Bug" Luckey, struck out 9 and allowed 19 hits. Bill Hays, Bert Sparks and Dr. Walters were the star batters of the game, while Cullie Bromley, Dr. Sparks and John Vaughan received the blue ribbon for strike outs.

Next Saturday afternoon the Baptists will play the M. E. Church team.

COL. POAGE HONORED.

Col. M. Annie Poage, of Ashland, has received notice of her appointment of press chairman for the Daughters of the American Revolution for the state of Kentucky. Miss Poage has previous to this served four years as press chairman for Kentucky, and in 1919 was chairman of the press committee for the Twenty-Eighth Continental Congress. Daughters of the American Revolution, which was held in Washington. It was about this time that Miss Poage was made aid-de-camp on Governor James D. Black's staff with rank of colonel, and it is said that Governor Black of Kentucky is the only governor in the United States to thus honor a woman.

MRS. SIMPKINS DIES
AT DEVON, WEST VA.

One more of the elder generation of the Hatfield family has been called to the great beyond. Mrs. Elizabeth Simpkins, wife of the late Joseph Simpkins, and a sister of the late Captain Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield, passed away Friday, June 9, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reynolds, of Devon. She had been in failing health for several months and her death is attributed to the infirmities of age.

Mrs. Simpkins was 84 years of age and a real pioneer of this section. Reared with her brothers and sisters she experienced many of the thrilling events in the long drawn out feud between her family and the McCoy's. She was of a deeply religious nature and became a church member at a tender age, living a conscientious christian life.

At the time of her death Mrs. Simpkins had been a member of the church for 63 years. Funeral services were held at the late home Sunday conducted by Rev. Harve Chaffin.

Of the brothers and sisters of "Devil Anse" and Mrs. Simpkins but three now survive. They are Mrs. Biddy Mitchell, of Logan county; Smith Hatfield, of Mate creek and Mrs. Reeves, of Guyandotte. Mrs. Simpkins' husband preceded her to the grave about ten years ago. She is survived by the following children: Elias Simpkins of Lenore; Julius Simpkins of Wayne county; R. L. Simpkins of War; Mrs. J. T. Reynolds and Mrs. Belle Moore of Devon and Mrs. J. E. Steel of Williamson.

Stanley A. Moore left on Tuesday of this week for Belt, Montana, where he will visit an uncle who moved from here twenty-five years ago. They will visit Yellowstone National Park. He expects to be away quite a while.